### Brief Introduction of Awardee’s Research Publication/Study and Future Research Development

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<th>Awardee (Dept):</th>
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<td>Research Study:</td>
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#### A. Briefly introduce your research publications/studies for which you have received the prize.

The focus of my research publications and studies in this research impact prize is on the field of Islamic Studies in Hong Kong, Greater China and Asia. In this broad field, there are two main research directions I have been pursuing. First, my research publications include the overview history and development of Islam in Hong Kong, in particular the emerging visibility of Indonesian Muslim domestic helpers in Hong Kong, the rise of madrasah and Islamic education among the Muslim minority as well as the city’s new financial agenda of developing Islamic finance. Second, my ongoing researches include the Gulf-China connections, Islam in the Greater China and the Asia. In this aspect, I have been working on China’s growing soft power in the Middle East, the Arab diaspora in China as well as the re-emergence of Silk Road business network (Belt and Road Initiative).


**B. How you used/will use your prize and perhaps its usefulness to your research development?**

Hiring one full-time Research Assistant and some student helpers. With the support of research assistant and student helpers, they will help me to coordinate the informants for interviews and they may also help in transcribing some of the interviews.

**C. Expected research outcomes/outputs/impacts arising from this prize.**

More in-depth inquiries will study Muslim students’ aspiration of Islamic education, prospects and challenges of Islamic finance, and a pilot study of increasing presence of Muslim refugees in Hong Kong may be conducted.